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## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### YAKUTAT SUBSISTENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Yakutat...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the **Yakutat Area subsistence fishery**:

**Yakutat Bay:** Effective immediately, subsistence fishing **by set gillnet** in the waters of Yakutat Bay **will remain open until further notice**. The weekly subsistence period for **subsistence troll gear** will be from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday through 11:59 p.m. Saturday. The subsistence period for **subsistence troll gear** this week will close at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, May 11.

**Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet:** As a reminder, subsistence fishing for Chinook salmon will close until further notice at **6:00 a.m., Sunday, May 19**. Chinook salmon may not be retained in the sockeye salmon subsistence fishery.

Both the new commercial spring troll fishery and the Yakutat Bay subsistence troll fishery primarily target Chinook salmon. The subsistence period for subsistence troll gear in Yakutat Bay is being adjusted to maintain separation of the fish harvested by the same type of gear.

The Chinook salmon subsistence fishery is closed in the Situk Inlet in accordance with the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River King Salmon Fisheries Management Plan. The preseason forecast of the Situk River Chinook salmon return suggests that the return will be below desired levels and conservative actions are required to limit harvest on the stock.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1Y0213.

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